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TITLE: CYLINDRICAL DRUM SUPPORT DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

On page 1, line 1, please insert a Title as follows: --CYLINDRICAL DRUM SUPPORT DEVICE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, before "The present invention" insert -- TECHNICAL FIELD--.

On page 1, line 7, delete ", for example,".

On page 1, line 9, before "The rotary drums" insert -- BACKGROUND ART--.

On page 1, line 13, delete "said".

On page 2, line 19, delete "said".

On page 2, line 23, delete "said".

On page 2, line 27, delete "minimized" and insert therefor --minimized--.